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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

16 February 3, 2015


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TITLE 7 – CHAPTER 7.20 BINGO (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval to adopt an ordinance to amend Los Angeles County Code Title 7 – Bingo.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Introduce, waive reading, and adopt an ordinance (Exhibit A) amending the Los Angeles County Code (County Code) Title 7 – Bingo ordinances to conform to state law.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Section 326.5 of the California Penal Code (Penal Code) establishes the legal framework for the regulation of traditional bingo. The State has deferred to local jurisdictions the responsibility to authorize and enforce their traditional bingo ordinances. Title 7 of the County Code specifies the manner in which traditional bingo is licensed.

In 2008, Section 326.5 of the Penal Code was modified to, among other things, expand the type of organizations eligible to conduct traditional bingo, increase the total prize value from \$250 to \$500 for each game, and increase the portion of proceeds that may be used for administrative/operating purposes.

The following are the proposed amendments in order to bring Title 7 of the County Code in line with the Penal Code:

7.20.010 Definitions

- Updates the “eligible organizations” definition to include organizations exempt from the payment of bank and corporation taxes as defined by Section 326.5(a) of the Penal Code. Also included are mobile home park associations, senior citizen organizations, and charitable organizations affiliated with a school district as defined by the Penal Code.

7.20.160 License - Contents

- Allows more than two locations where bingo games can be conducted by the same operator. (Each location must be licensed.)

7.20.430 Proceeds - Use restrictions

- Increases the portion of proceeds from the bingo games that may be used for rental of property, overhead, and administrative expenses to 20 percent (currently 10 percent) or \$2,000 per month (currently \$500 per month).
- Certain organizations, as defined in the Penal Code, may use proceeds from the bingo games to pay license fees, once they are licensed.

7.20.440 Prizes - Maximum

- Increases the permissible total value of prizes awarded from \$250 to \$500 for each separate bingo game.

7.20.460 Profits to be kept in a separate fund or account

- Adds “or fund” to the text of the code, and adds "special" to the heading to make the text and the heading consistent with each other. Deletes "in a financial institution" from the text to make the text consistent with the Penal Code. “All proceeds derived from a bingo game shall, within 24 hours, be deposited in a special fund or account, and shall not be commingled with any other account or funds.”

These revisions will bring the County Code in line with state law and be applicable to all existing Bingo license holders, as well as any future applicants. The Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) will notify all existing license holders of these changes. Exhibit B, attached, is a list of the 17 bingo operators currently licensed in the unincorporated area of the County and the three contracted cities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Exhibit A as to form.

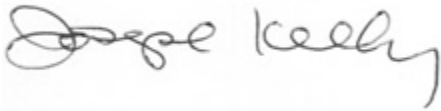
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

If adopted, the amended ordinance will not have any impact on the current process of issuing business licenses or service fees.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the code changes, the TTC will notify all County Bingo licensees of the changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Kelly
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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Enclosures

c: Interim Chief Executive Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Business License Commission

Licensed Bingo Operators

First District

- 1) Bishop Amat High School, 14301 Fairgrove, La Puente, CA 91746
- 2) San Gabriel Valley YWCA, 510 N. Vineland Ave., La Puente, CA 91746
- 3) St. Martha's Parish, 444 N. Azusa Ave., La Puente, CA 91744

Second District

- 1) Dominquez Samoan Church, 833 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90502
- 2) Vai O Le Ola Congregational Church, 833 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90502
- 3) San Rafael Social Club, 1065 W. Lomita Blvd., Harbor City, CA 90710
- 4) Samoan Federation of America, 833 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90502

Third District

No licensed Bingo Operator

Fourth District

- 1) Beth Shalom, 14564 E Hawes St., Whittier, CA 90604
- 2) Senior Center Inc., 1545 Stimson Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Fifth District

- 1) Leisure Lake Recreation, 48303 N. 20th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534
- 2) Acton Community Club Inc., 3748 W. Nickels Ave., Acton, CA 93510
- 3) Loyal Order of Mint Canyon Moose Lodge, 18000 Sierra Hwy., Canyon Country, CA 91351
- 4) Friendly Valley Recreational, 19345 Ave. of the Oaks, Newhall, CA 91321
- 5) Greenbrier Social Group, 21301 Soledad Cyn., Canyon Country, CA 91351
- 6) Santa Clarita Elks Lodge, 17766 Sierra Hwy., Canyon Country, CA 91351
- 7) American Legion Post #807, 24527 Spruce St., Newhall, CA 91321
- 8) Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center, 22900 Market St., Newhall, CA 91321